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I hereby revoke all previous powers of attorney given in the application identified in the attached statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

I hereby appoint:

☒ Practitioners associated with the Customer Number:

000046333

OR

☐ Practitioner(s) named below (if more than ten patent practitioners are to be named, then a customer number must be used):

Name	Registration Number	Name	Registration Number

as attorney(s) or agent(s) to represent the undersigned before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in connection with any and all patent applications assigned only to the undersigned according to the USPTO assignment records or assignment documents attached to this form in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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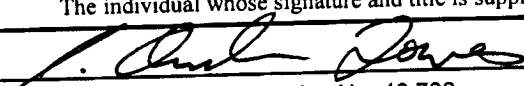
Assignee Name and Address:

Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc.  
2500 Silveus Crossing  
Warsaw, Indiana 46

A copy of this form, together with a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) (Form PTO/SB/96 or equivalent) is required to be filed in each application in which this form is used. The statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) may be completed by one of the practitioners appointed in this form if the appointed practitioner is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee, and must identify the application in which this Power of Attorney is to be filed.

**SIGNATURE of Assignee of Record**

The individual whose signature and title is supplied below is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee

Signature		Date	January 27, 2008
Name	J. Andrew Lowes, Registration No. 40,706	Telephone	(972) 680-7557
Title	Appointed Practitioner		

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.31, 1.32 and 1.33. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and file by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 3 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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**GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
(for several applications filed in the USPTO)

As a representative of the Assignee, Warsaw Orthopedic Inc., an Indiana corporation, I hereby appoint the Practitioners associated with the Customer Number 000046333 to act as our attorneys or agents to prosecute applications filed under Customer Number 000046333 and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith.

Please address all correspondence and telephone calls regarding this application to:

**Haynes and Boone, LLP**  
901 Main Street, Suite 3100  
Dallas, TX 75202-3789  
(972) 739-8635  
(214) 200-0853 – Fax

The undersigned is the representative for the Assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the patent application submitted herewith. A copy of the assignment or other documents in the chain of title, if applicable, are attached.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the Assignee.

Warsaw Orthopedic Inc.

2/20/06  
Date

By: Noreen C. Johnson  
Noreen C. Johnson

Vice President  
Title

# Delaware

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*The First State*

I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERGER, WHICH MERGES:

"SDGI HOLDINGS, INC.", A DELAWARE CORPORATION,

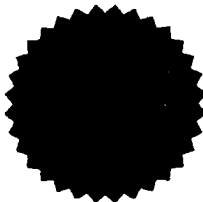
"SOFAMOR DANEK HOLDINGS, INC.", A DELAWARE CORPORATION,

WITH AND INTO "WARSAW ORTHOPEDIC, INC." UNDER THE NAME OF "WARSAW ORTHOPEDIC, INC.", A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF INDIANA, AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2006, AT 2:06 O'CLOCK P.M.

A FILED COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.

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*Harriet Smith Windsor*

Harriet Smith Windsor, Secretary of State

AUTHENTICATION: 4707608

DATE: 05-01-06

State of Delaware  
Secretary of State  
Division of Corporations  
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**CERTIFICATE OF MERGER**  
of  
**SDGI HOLDINGS, INC.,**  
a Delaware corporation  
and  
**SOFAMOR DANEK HOLDINGS, INC.,**  
a Delaware corporation  
into  
**WARSAW ORTHOPEDIC, INC.,**  
an Indiana corporation

Pursuant to Title 8, Section 252 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, the undersigned corporation executed the following Certificate of Merger:

**FIRST:** The names of the constituent corporations to the merger are SDGI Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, Sofamor Danek Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation and Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc., an Indiana corporation.

**SECOND:** An Agreement and Plan of Merger has been approved, adopted, certified, executed and acknowledged by each of the constituent corporations pursuant to Title 8, Section 252 of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

**THIRD:** The surviving corporation will be Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc., an Indiana corporation.

**FOURTH:** The Articles of Incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be its Articles of Incorporation.

**FIFTH:** The effective date of the merger is April 28, 2006.

**SIXTH:** An executed copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger is on file at the office of Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc. at 710 Medtronic Parkway, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55432.

**SEVENTH:** A copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger will be furnished by the surviving corporation on request, without cost, to any stockholder of the constituent corporations.

**EIGHT:** The surviving corporation agrees that it may be served with process in the State of Delaware in any proceeding for enforcement of any obligation of any constituent corporation of Delaware, as well as for enforcement of any obligation of the surviving corporation arising from this merger, including any suit or other proceeding to enforce the rights of any stockholders as determined in appraisal proceedings pursuant to the provisions of Section 262 of the Delaware General Corporation laws, and irrevocably appoints the Secretary of State of Delaware as its agent to accept service of process in any such suit or proceeding. The Secretary of State shall mail any such process to the surviving corporation at 710 Medtronic Parkway, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55432.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said surviving corporation has caused this certificate to be signed  
by its authorized officer, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

WARSAW ENTERPRISES, INC.

By

  
Peter L. Winkov  
President

**State of Indiana  
Office of the Secretary of State**

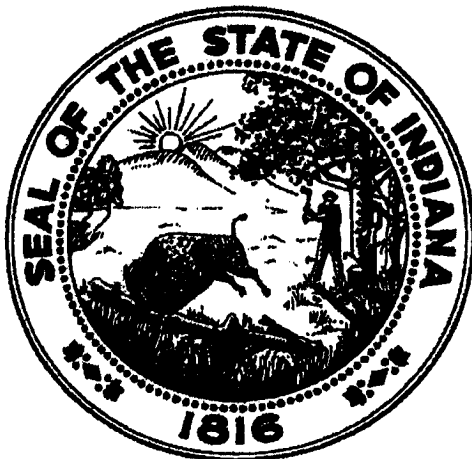
**CERTIFICATE OF MERGER  
of  
WARSAW ORTHOPEDIC INC**

I, TODD ROKITA, Secretary of State of Indiana, hereby certify that Articles of Merger of the above For-Profit Domestic Corporation have been presented to me at my office, accompanied by the fees prescribed by law and that the documentation presented conforms to law as prescribed by the provisions of the Indiana Business Corporation Law.

The following non-surviving entity(s):

**SDGI HOLDINGS, INC.**  
a(n) Delaware Non-Qualified Foreign Corporation  
**SOFAMOR DANEK HOLDINGS, INC.**  
a(n) Delaware Non-Qualified Foreign Corporation  
merged with and into the surviving entity:  
**WARSAW ORTHOPEDIC INC**

NOW, THEREFORE, with this document I certify that said transaction will become effective Friday, April 28, 2006.



In Witness Whereof, I have caused to be affixed my signature and the seal of the State of Indiana, at the City of Indianapolis, April 28, 2006.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Rokita".

TODD ROKITA,  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: TEITELBAUM, et al.Application No./Patent No.: 10/534,055 Filed/Issue Date: October 11, 2006Entitled: Transpedicular Intervertebral Disk Access Methods and Devices

Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc., a corporation  
 (Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest  
 (The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is \_\_\_\_\_ %)

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

A. ☐ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

OR

B. ☒ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as follows:

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2. From: Vertelink Corporation To: SDGI Holdings, Inc.  
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3. From: SDGI Holdings, Inc. To: Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc.  
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☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

☐ As required by 37 CFR 3.73(b)(1)(i), the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was, or concurrently is being, submitted for recordation pursuant to 37 CFR 3.11.

[NOTE: A separate copy (i.e., a true copy of the original assignment document(s)) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, to record the assignment in the records of the USPTO. See MPEP 302.08]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

J. Andrew Lowes  
 Signature  
J. Andrew Lowes, Registration No. 40,706  
 Printed or Typed Name

3/24/08  
 Date  
(972) 680-7557  
 Telephone Number

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 Appointed Practitioner  
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